

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23283

In this bill, the Bureau of Occupational Licenses is updating the boards served by the Bureau. The Bureau is also adding a subsection that will clarify that the Boards served by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses can assess and collect attorney fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution of a licensee or registrant who is found to have violated the laws or rules of the agency. The addition of the attorney fees section is in response to a recent Idaho Supreme Court decision which stated the Bureau's language was not as explicit as other agencies' with regard to awarding attorney fees in disciplinary actions.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact on the General Fund. Without this clarifying language, there would be an annual impact on the Bureau's dedicated fund. In fiscal year 2014, the Bureau collected approximately \$75,000 in attorney fees for prosecution of licensees found to have violated an agency's laws or rules.

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